REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	15 March 1999
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Thaitwin.jpg
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Stated
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Printout
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer printout entitled *Thaitwin.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

This classification is because the computer printout presents naked women posed in a manner that is highly sexually suggestive.

The publication is a computer printout of a colour photograph that has been downloaded from the Internet and printed out onto an A4 size sheet of paper. The title *Thaitwin.jpg* is typed across the top of the page. The photograph presents two naked Asian women posing with their bodies intertwined. One of the women is perching on the edge of what appears to be a large ceramic pot. The other woman is standing with her legs astride the first woman's thigh. Their bodies and hands are touching. The women are positioned side on with their breasts and buttocks visible. They are looking at each other smiling. The women have a youthful appearance, although they present as women rather than girls.

In view of the strongly sexually suggestive nature of the image, and the intended purpose of the computer printout being sexual arousal, the Classification Office finds that the availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good unless its viewing is restricted to an adult audience.

It has been determined that s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (the NZBR Act) applies to this publication. However, by virtue of the presentation of matters of sex, the Classification Office considers it a reasonable limit on freedom of expression, as outlined in s5 of the NZBR Act, to place an age restriction on the publication.

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